

Budget cut update: \$100 predicted savings

Public Relations Office

Students, faculty and staff won a major battle against higher fees during their October 18th protest rally at the Statehouse.

President Vincent J. Mara announced that the Governor's recent reduction in the amount of the budget for public higher education will translate into a savings of about \$100 per student next semester in the proposed fee hike.

The college had previously estimated an approximate fee increase of at least \$250 to absorb a \$1.3 million budget cut. That increase would have been in addition to the \$100 per semester "crisis fee" that had been added to this year's tuition bill to cope with a \$1 million cut ordered earlier in the year.

"I can't predict with accuracy how much additional funds we will need next semester in fees, because there is still a good deal of information to be analyzed. However, I've heard enough information since the rally to estimate that the savings will be in the \$100 range as a consequence of the protests," said Dr. Mara.

The protest began with a public college presidents' rebellion over orders to cut \$35 million (10 to 15 percent) from their mid-year budgets. This cut was proposed by the Governor's Executive Office of Administration and Finance. It reached its

peak at the student rally which was the largest protest rally on a statewide issue in Massachusetts' history.

Two days prior to the rally, in what many saw as an attempt to limit its impact, the Governor reduced the \$35 million cut to \$25 million. This savings (approximately 28 percent), will be used at Fitchburg State College in order to keep fee increases to a minimum.

The college is still searching for additional cuts in its second semester budget to reduce the amount of any fee increase.

"We have already cut \$300,000 to reduce the fee increase from \$359 to \$250," he said. "There's still a good deal up in the air. The Regents must approve a plan to allocate the \$25 million to the campuses and we have to continue or search for effective ways to cut our budget. I can't give an exact figure yet on next semester's tuition or fees, and the crisis is far from over, but I know a partial victory for lower fees has been achieved," said Dr. Mara.

Many students were "bummed out," by press reaction to the October rally, which concentrated on negative aspects instead of positive. They felt that the protest had been fruitless.

"The press reaction was hard to understand," stated Dr. Mara. "The disturbance in the House Chamber was a minor affair and blown out of proportion. It was a very effective protest and its significance was not wasted on the representatives and

senators, who have received visits from students," said Dr. Mara.

Considering the amount of stories following the rally, the press neglected to mention the pre-rally maneuvers by the Dukakis administration and the \$10 million reduction in the original budget cut order.

President Mara said that press relations "are not our problem anyway" and that students should be pleased by their achievement and the effective leadership of the Student Government Association.

"Next year's budget is now the crucial issue. There are rumors that it may be as low as \$16 million reduction and may be accompanied by a whopping tuition increase. It's time to help the Student Government Association get the letter writing campaign in full gear," said Dr. Mara.

"Write letters that tell your legislators about how these cuts are affecting you, and about the difficulties you have meeting these tuition bills, how much you have to work in order to pay your way and how your families are struggling. Also, make sure you encourage your family and friends to write as well," he said.

"This is an election year for the legislature and if we can get as many letters into the representatives' and senators' mailboxes as we had demonstrators at the Statehouse, we can save public higher education for ourselves and those to follow," Mara stated.

S.A.M. cleans Green Corners park

by Christine Leccese
Strobe staff

On Monday, October 16, the Society for the Advancement of Management (S.A.M.), neighborhood children, the mayor of Fitchburg, and several Fitchburg State College students, including the Iota Phi Theta Sweethearts, all worked together to clean up Green Corners Park. They raked leaves, picked up trash, and swept up dirt and glass from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. This is the fourth year S.A.M. has held the clean up. This year proved to have the largest turnout with approximately 30 industrious participants.

Jeff Dudley, President of S.A.M., and Treasurer, Julie Remondini, were pleased with the results of the clean up. "Everything went as planned, and we hope it attracts more students to come and see what we're all about," said Remondini. S.A.M. is a group on campus, which contrary to popular belief, is not just for business majors. It currently has about 30 members and new students are always welcome. Aside from the park clean up, they hold an annual lip-sync contest, which is always a success, sell flowers, candy, and host guest speakers. Next week, they will be

selling balloons and cup-cakes in G-Lobby.

There are few events that call for the residents of the FSC neighborhood and the college students to work in harmony, and this was one of them. Eight year-old identical twins, Omar and Max Algarin, live on 5 Morris Road, off of Green Street, and use the park frequently. "We use it to play football and hide and seek," Omar said as he held open the bag his brother was loading with leaves. Jeffrey Bean, Mayor of Fitchburg and FSC graduate, commented on the clean up, "It's good to see the residents and the students working on something together, helping combat the obvious conflict that exists between the two groups."

As for the appetites of the volunteers, they were satisfied with hamburgers that were donated by McDonalds on John Fitch Highway. Gary Saucier, McDonald's area supervisor, and Mark Weston, store Manager, said that they were pleased to be able to help. "We like to help out the community, and we certainly feel it's a worthwhile cause."

Everyone benefits from community work, and S.A.M. has discovered this firsthand. If you're looking to join one of the many beneficial groups on campus, check out S.A.M. during one of their weekly meetings on Thursdays at 1:30 in G-05.



Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

Due to midterms, students have less time for leisure

Meal exchange plan may be terminated

by Maria Krembrenk
Strobe staff

The meal exchange plan that recently become available to the resident students at FSC, may not be around much longer. In most colleges, students have a choice of either eating at a snack bar or the main cafeteria. The new meal plan at FSC allows student residents to choose between Daka or the commuters cafeteria for breakfast and lunch. All you have to do is remember to bring those little yellow cards with you.

There are specific dollar amounts and time limits in which the commuter's cafe is accessible to these particular students on this new plan. If you exceed the given amount, you simply must pay the difference.

The plan is operating on a trial basis for this semester, and has proved fairly unsuccessful. A survey was completed at DAKA last week, showing that only a few students

actually enjoyed the use of the plan, while the majority voted against it. One explanation as to why the students may not be receptive to the newly installed meal exchange, is the system by which it is run: This seemed to be a valid reason according to sophomore Tanya Condon who stated, "I like the fact that I can eat at the commuters cafeteria when I want to, but I don't especially enjoy the system they are using."

The present meal exchange program was chosen by the college administration. The choices consisted of a book of coupons or the yellow cards presently in use. In any event, there would still be something extra to carry around. Sophomore Lisa Bacon stated, "the plan took a while to get used to, but I really enjoy it now."

The prospect of the plan continuing next year, doesn't look promising. The poll administered, showed that approximately seventy-five percent of the students are against the new plan. The final decision of whether or not to continue the plan is up to the administrators and the food committee.

Commentary

Parking at FSC: better or worse?

by Carolyn Palo
Strobe staff

Parking at Fitchburg State College can be a major obstacle in getting the day off to a decent start for commuting students, and it seems to keep getting worse. It's a problem that comes up all the time without any lasting solutions. Some say the problem has gotten worse, the reason being that there is no shuttle service. In addition, freshmen were issued red parking stickers this semester and can now park on the main campus instead of at the Wallace Civic Center.

Many students are also puzzled, and annoyed that there is no parking to accommodate the newly built dormitories. When asked how she

felt about parking on campus, one commuter replied, "there isn't any, it doesn't matter what time I get here." Another student said, "Parking at McKay is okay, that's an improvement, but trying to park on the main campus is just one big headache. It's definitely dog-eat-dog out there."

There should also be some mention as to the increase in campus fines for parking violations. What was once \$3, \$5, and \$10, is now \$5, \$10, and \$20. According to Campus Security, the fines were raised to keep in step with the city because too many local people who were unaffiliated with the college were supposedly taking advantage of the lower fines. However, the money from campus tickets does go to a scholarship fund. In actuality, we are paying more money and there is still no parking solution.

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NEWMAN CENTER MASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at the Newman Center on: Tuesday, Oct. 31st -4:30 p.m. (vigil) Wednesday, Nov. 1st - 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 2nd is ALL SOUL's DAY. Masses will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

GASP (Group Against Smoking Pollution) would like to invite college students to contribute to the group's efforts to promote nonsmokers' rights. Anyone interested contact GASP of Massachusetts, 25 Deaconess Road, Boston, MA 02215 617-266-2088

SCHOLARSHIPS: First annual "Know When To Say When" Student Poster Competition. A Student Poster Competition with \$20,000 in Scholarship Prizes to be held in conjunction with the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Entry forms may be obtained from Bobbi Crane, Sanders Bldg. 217 at the Student Affairs Office.

There has been a lack of information in The Student Handbook this year. Please note the following:- There is another group available on-campus called Communications/Media Club for those interested contact: President Jill Perlstein or Advisor Robert Wilson for more details.

Due to Hurricane Hugo and the California earthquake, Dr. Isaac, of the Behavioral Sciences Department, has begun a Disaster Relief Fund at FSC. Canned food, clothing, linen, blankets, and money (make checks out to FSC Disaster Relief Fund) are needed. Faculty, staff, alumni and students are asked to participate as generously as they can. Volunteers are also needed to help Dr. Isaac with sorting, packing etc. If you have anything to contribute, please leave it with Dr. Isaac at Miller 7 or with the department secretaries in Percival 6.

Thank Heaven it's here. The child center is now taking applications for for next semester. Please call 534-8678 6:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. or 1-630-1545 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Weekdays. Priority is given to 1. Students, 2. Faculty & Staff, 3. Community. Ages of preferences are from 2 years 9 months to 5 years. Please watch for more details.

IOTA PHI THETA Fraternity presents the Scholarship for Success drawing held on December 11th. Tickets are being sold in G-Lobby or contact any member of the fraternity. One ticket is \$1.00, three tickets are \$2.50.

The Strobe is Fitchburg State College's weekly student newspaper, published every Wednesday throughout the semester. Our office is located on the bottom floor of the Hammond Building, just past the commuter's cafe. Our mailing address is:

The Strobe encourages all readers to express their views on any issue. The following are guidelines for submissions:

1. All submissions are to be typed and double spaced.
2. Letters to the editor must include the writer's name. If the writer wishes to remain anonymous, the Strobe will withhold the name. However, the name must still be included in the letter.
3. Commentaries and letters must be no more than 450 words in length and are subject to editing.
4. News and announcements from clubs should be no more than a few paragraphs.
5. The deadline for articles is every Monday, one week before the Wednesday publication date.

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LETTERS

to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a fan of the Eagles and Don Henley, I thoroughly enjoyed your fine profile of him in the October 11 issue. "The End of the Innocence" is certainly one of the top songs of 1989. It is poignant, riveting, and philosophical - Don Henley at his best. Keep up the good work!!

Walter Jeffko
Professor of Philosophy
Humanities Department

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a letter that I sent to WNEV-TV. I understand that a number of FSC students have called or written this station and others that attempted to cover this story that is so vital to thousands of Massachusetts state college students and staff.

October 18, 1989
News Producers
WNEV-TV
7 Bullfinch Place
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Producers,

I am a senior at Fitchburg State College and I along with 15,000 other state college students rallied at the Statehouse in Boston today. We were there to ask the Legislative and Executive powers of Massachusetts to make public higher education a priority. I spent an hour in the cold rain and two and a half hours inside the Statehouse. I talked to my Senator and my Representative, tried to meet with the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor and attended an informational meeting held by legislators in favor of public higher education and the Board of Regents of Higher Education. I and hundreds of others saw, listened and talked with students from all over the state and the legislators of Massachusetts. What I did not do is walk on flowers, shove police or storm offices.

I resent the fact the WNEV-TV's (Channel 7, CBS affiliate) 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. news coverage focused on these minor and unfortunate events. I have often heard the complaint that a whole generation of young Americans have become apathetic, today, October 18, 15,000 state college students disproved this epithet and WNEV-TV missed the whole point.

Kathleen A. McCollum

To the Editor:

On November 12th, MOBILIZATION FOR WOMEN'S LIVES is being held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

Thousands of students from colleges and universities across the nation will be going to the Mobilization. We have chartered buses for the trip to Washington. The buses will be leaving Saturday evening November 11th and returning from Washington late on the evening of November 12th. The buses are currently scheduled to leave from Worcester MA, however depending on the final numbers going we may be able to have some of the buses leave from Fitchburg.

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Carolyn Socombe



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Question of the Week

Do you think the world series game should be canceled or continued?

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A. Yes they might as well continue playing it but it will lack it's significance.

-Jamie Wyeth



A. I think that it should be continued. The commissioner did an excellent job in postponing it as long as possible but life goes on and the world series is part of life. Sports are an outlet for people and it will give them something positive to follow besides the earthquake.

-Dave Marsh



A. Yes, I think it should be continued. The priorities were set, and the tragedy has been handled. It may actually be a nice diversion for survivors and the rescue workers.

-Ann McAuliffe



A. I think it should be continued because baseball as a sport has represented our country. It can only serve to raise our spirits even in a time of great crisis.

-Cory Depaola



A. No it should not be continued. Why should we be concerned with playing games when people are dying, suffering and homeless? I think that we should concern ourselves with the needy.

-Greg DeBono

FEATURES

Academic Success center provides study skills

by Wendy Rich
Strobe staff

Christine, a Fitchburg State College student, received a 68 on her last Life Science test. She was very upset because she had studied for six and a half hours. Most students have heard people say, "there's more to college life than studying," and they're right. But without basic study skills, a student may not make it through their college career. Christine realized she needed help, and sought it at the Academic Success Center.

The center believes that a successful college student is organized, manages time well, deciphers large quantities of materials, takes concise yet thorough notes, and has good concentration skills. To help Christine and other individuals maximize their own potential, the center offers tutoring, study skills, writing skills, math skills and reading programs.

The tutorial program gives students of all levels the help they need in most subjects. If the center does not have a tutor in a particular subject, the coordinators of the program will look for one, and practically guarantee that they will find some-

one for you. This program is run completely by students and simply works on a "drop in" schedule.

The study skills center offers two, five week programs a semester. The study skills program helps students, like Christine, to improve their time management, note taking, test taking and memorization skills. It is especially helpful for students who are academically at risk or are involved in a rigorous program.

The Writing Skills center is maintained by the English department. This program is not just for writing classes, it is available to everyone. Most students find that they have big term papers due in a course that could count for as much as 50 percent of their grade. The skills center can give students feedback and help them express themselves more clearly through their writing technique.

The Math Center, like the Writing Skills Center, is also maintained by an academic department. There are tutors available for every math course offered at Fitchburg State.

The Reading Center is the only skills center that a student can take for credit. This program is only offered once a semester and is more structured than the other skill centers. This Reading Center helps stu-

dents develop better reading and comprehending skills as well as increase their reading rate.

The Academic Success Center also offers two other specialized programs, for undeclared and learning disabled students. The Undeclared student program is also known as the "Gold Card Program." Undeclared students who hold a cumulative average of 3.0 and higher are eligible for a "gold card." This card allows students to "sit in" on any course they choose. The program is designed to help undeclared students explore different majors to find the one best suited for them.

The Learning Disabilities program offers testing for students who may suspect they have a learning disability. There are peer advisors that work with learning disabled students to help them work more effectively in their course work and college career.

If you are like Christine and feel you need help academically or you want to enhance your academic skills, the Academic Success Center can help you. The skill centers are available to all students free of charge. They are located on the third floor of the Hammond Building and are open from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Outing club expands

by Christine Houle
Strobe staff

Did you know that Fitchburg State College has an Outing Club? This Club was a division of the programs committee last year. Glenn Juchno, club adviser, was asked if he would be interested in changing the Outing Club into an independent organization. He agreed and then asked Tim Young if he would like to aid in forming the club. Young was then appointed as the new president. Both Juchno and Young share the love of the outdoors, and enjoy their responsibilities.

The club has since grown to an eight member executive board. The other officers are Frank Fortner, Vice President; Julie Heinze, Secretary; Shannon Walent, Treasurer; Bill Bertocchi, Chairman of Advertising; and Gina Cuccovia and Christine Auger who are both involved in advertising. They have also added other additional members to their advertising crew.

"The club started with a folder of

brochures and a very old constitution," commented Young, "but we are presently rewriting a new constitution."

The Outing Club is jointly involved with other clubs. For example, they are cosponsoring an event with Amnesty International, called "Our Fathers House."

The club is hoping to sponsor ten trips this year, and two have already gone underway. Last month they went caving in New York, and last weekend they went mountain climbing. In November, the club is planning a hayride. Other events include a ski trip in Lake Placid, white water rafting, canoeing, and possibly parachuting.

The whole intent of the Outing Club is to introduce people who have a love of the great outdoors with others who share that same interest. Their main goal is to allow people to enjoy themselves.

"The club tries to find events that are affordable, fun, and interesting to everyone," noted Fortner.

A final comment made by Young, "We love the outdoors and we'd love you to join us."

Cultural society is for everyone

by Dianne Chalifour
Contributing writer

There are many organizations and clubs here at Fitchburg State College. One that everyone should be aware of is the Cultural Society. Established in 1976-1977, its purpose is to bring together a diverse group of students in different activities, study and entertainment.

At meetings, students discuss ideas, issues, and topics that concern them. The Cultural Society also sets up study hours in which they can all study and do homework together. The organization is also planning activities that will involve the entire student body. They sponsored a Lip

Sync Contest on October 17th, and there will be a fashion show in April. A roller skating outing is being planned and they are trying to get together a spring break trip. These events are open to all FSC students.

The Cultural Society is not just for minority students. It is for every FSC student regardless of age, race, religion, or national origin. Anyone can join at any time. Meetings are every second, third, and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:30 in the A room on the third floor of the library (across from the A.I.D. office). The club dues are \$2.50 per semester or \$5.00 per year. The Cultural Society is a chance to meet other students and learn about the diverse backgrounds which make up the student population here at Fitchburg State.



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FEATURES

"The Kwangju American Cultural Center"

by Chang Young-Gil

Graduate Student

Chonnam Nat. University,
Kwangju, Korea

The vacant building of the American Cultural Center, now an abode of silence, reluctantly receives a visitor, unlocking two padlocks and an iron-barred gate; a strip of empty air is hung at the flagpole where the Star-Spangled Banner had been fluttering forty-two years. What then has America left here, 80 Hwangkum-doong, very near the 5.18 Square where the citizens in the bloody whirlwind screamed for Democracy and Liberty? The dust sitting mute on chairs in the reading room,

the iron bars stark at attention in window frames, bricks, closed doors, panes of bullet-proof glass, and some questions unquenchable in everyone's mind...

Ah, the land's old cries several sparrows are scattering in the quadrangle of the American Cultural Center;

I gaze up into the

deep blue heaven

through the shadows falling to pieces, One heaven of five thousand years the Korean paulownia branches support.

To where winds this road along now? Rise on wings the prophetic songs above the scars and separate land, breaking the heavily-built white silence, turns the history its hidden dark face face above the amicable hands

that have been shaking forty-four years. Yet you would say: Self-reliance doesn't lie in blaming

others for your own

sores nor in isolating yourself. We'd better learn

from a tree how to be in touch with winds and how to grow without bending to a seasonal wind.

Then as we might open Korean Cultural Centers in any city of the U.S., why can't the Americans open theirs here?

The vacant building of the American Cultural Center in the heart of Kwangju City, drearier than ever, utters monosyllables in metallic voice, hardly understood, closing its iron-barred gate and two padlocks as a visitor goes out.

Empty mailbox blues

by Beth Boberg

Strobe staff

One of the most difficult situations in the life of a college student is worse than getting dumped by a lover, flunking a chemistry test, or receiving the 20th parking ticket for that month. Everyone knows that college life isn't easy because many small events can bring about the BLUES! However, one of the most catastrophic hazards after a hard and stressful day is the "Empty Mailbox Blues!"

Everyone goes through these feelings at one point or another. Some experience the "mailbox blues" once a day, while others are victims only

once a month. It makes you believe that when the mailbox is empty, something is terribly wrong. Some people begin to wonder, "Where are the fifteen copies of my school address that I gave to friends and relatives over the long vacation?" For the few who do receive a piece of mail, it ends up being this month's phone bill.

Imagine opening the mailbox door slowly, carefully, hopefully, and peering over the rim only to discover...the BLUES! Empty again. Some people go over the edge. As one poor soul put it, "I can't fight the fact that my mailbox is empty. I know it will be empty after the long twists and turns of the combination. My reaction is only to brush away the dust particles inside, and hope for tomorrow."



ROTC offers challenging weekend for cadets

by Carrie Jorgensen

Contributing writer

On September 30th, I had the kind of experience most people will never have. I spent the day in Leominster State Park with the Baystate Battalion which included ROTC cadets from Fitchburg State College, the University of Lowell, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The day's activities included a grenade obstacle course, the construction and travel of a one rope bridge, travel over a two rope bridge, and rappelling from an 80 foot cliff. All of these events were designed to teach self confidence and military skills.

I began the day with the grenade obstacle course which challenged me to simulate the throwing of grenades under different conditions. While going through this course we were scored on our throwing technique and speed.

The next event was the construction of a one rope bridge. After a demonstration on how to construct the bridge, our squad had to build a one rope bridge while being timed. This taught us how to work as a team and to build something that would eventually benefit us all: unit cohesion. After the bridge had been built, we learned how to travel across it safely.

We then learned how to tie a Swiss seat. The seat was formed out of a single rope and a clip which was fastened around you in a way that it actually put you in a seat. Once I was in the seat I connected myself to the bridge with the help of two of my squad members, and then I maneuvered myself across the bridge while hanging in the air.

Our next site was the two rope bridge, which was built with two ropes. Each bridge was parallel to each other and located over a pond. Again, we were attached by our Swiss seats, except this time we were standing as we walked across the bottom rope from one end to the other. Keeping your balance and maintaining a steady speed became very important. This taught us a lot about self confidence because, even though there were people on both ends of the bridge, it was up to you to get across to the other side. I gained valuable self trust during this event.

The event that followed the cook-out with the battalion, was perhaps the most challenging. This was the rappelling. I didn't really know what to expect when I got to the top of the 80 foot cliff, but what I found when I got there was an experience I will never forget.

First, we went to the beginner cliff where we learned how to rappell. Again using the Swiss seat, we were attached to two ropes, and we were told to keep our body in an "L" shape as we rappelled down the beginners cliff. After going down the beginners cliff I headed over to the larger cliffs where I learned what rappelling was really about. It was again an experience of trust and self confidence. The feeling of freedom I got on the way down was one you would have to experience to understand.

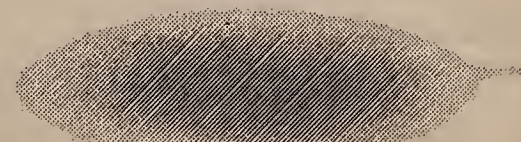
I had a lot of fun learning about myself and how much self-confidence I actually have. If given the opportunity, I would encourage people to take part in an event like this because this is how you can discover what life is really about and who you really are.



FSC ROTC cadets "at ease" in front of the Anthony building

Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

Sometimes you are what you don't eat.



Think fast November 16.

Don't eat a thing on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. Then join the six million Americans who, since 1973, have mailed us the money they saved to support our life-saving projects. You'll not only learn what it's like to go hungry. You'll know how good it feels to help those who are. Please write: "Fast for a World Harvest," 115 Broadway, Dept. 4000, Boston, MA 02116 Or call for more information: (617) 482-1211.

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Let's celebrate!! Boston bound!

Rob (Log).
Finally learned to pick on some-
one your own size. Watch out for
your right hook or was it your left??

Bonecrusher,
Roses are red
Violets are blue
No Bone, I'll never sleep with you!
Ha, Ha

Falvy,
You are a cutie! Come visit me
sometime.

Write to your representative and
legislator NOW!! Their names are
available in the SGA office. Sam-
ple letters are also available.
DON'T LET THE PRESS DEPRESS YOU!!

Leah,
What you're doing just isn't FUNNY
anymore!

Chris,
Even though it's not time yet.
Happy Anniversary to my one and
only.
I love you.

Debbie "D",
Where's the SNIBBLER? Heather,
How's the cousin? Hey-are you a
high school drop out between
the ages of 16 and 25? Are you
tired of doors being slammed in
your face...

Kristen,
I think you made the right choice.

Townhouse 206,
Sometimes things get tough to
tolerate, but I want you guys to
know
your the GREATEST EVER!!!!
Love, Michelle

Donna,
Hi. Here's your personal. Don't say I
never sent you one!
Love ya "babe"!!

Jaco,
You should follow Tracy's instruc-
tions. Don't do another D.K. B'AHAI

Too many scratches on the Bed
Post!!! Lost count.

Lajoie,
Do you think we could try to con-
trol ourselves the next time we
watch
Two Moon Junction?
Love, Jai Star

To our I-PHI-T Family,
We love you all
Nicole & Karen OWOW

Hey you in the blue/green doc-
tor's pants (last Tuesday) - "hello"

Mike C.
What's up with taking a hike?

Hey Homesteak,
Look your very own personal!

Jara
"I still think you are awesome", I
just couldn't find your car.

Hey Edith - Get me a beer, will ya!

Hey Agatha - How's the toe doing?
Who's that girl with the black eye
and broken nose? Oh yeah you
don't remember!

Andrea,
why waste your time with some-
one so boring. you need your
space anyway. Remember Guys
S---I Cheer up little Buckaroo!

Always remember to just let things
flow.

Cindy,
Go for Q.T. not J.A! Remember,
Smokey the bear would have just
said NO!

Hey John,
Don't worry, I still love you!
Me

Hey N303,
Word or is it paragraph.

Andrea,
I'm burning up!

To the Girls on C-6,
Stop while your ahead!!

IBE Brother #3,
You never know how good some-
thing is until you loose it, you know
what
I'm saying!!!

Johnny M,
Friends?

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medieval European times. Ten or
more
pages. Price is no object, respond
to Box #2448

Chrissy,
Flinging you around the room isn't
any fun! I'd rather give you a big
hug. Comy?

Rob, Keith, Tom, Todd etc.
Thanks for caring for us.

Nikki -
I knew a girl named Nikki, I guess
you could say she was a sex fiend!

Kristen,
Puerto Rico's looking good, can't
wait to go. Tell Pete we need his
money for the ticket.

I met her at the 50 yard line...
TOUCHDOWN

4th Floor Aubuchon
What's to be said about the best
group of girls on campus!
Let's play slap the B---!!

Alice,
You have Big hair you Boon-
oggie
Don't forget the Flannels at 12
sharp.

Kim,
10/27 Happy 18! How's Barry?!

To my buddies in Russell Towers
(C603-B603).
Thanks for the friendship and
support!!

To the Freshmen Class
Thanks alot

To all my buddies on C and B6,
I love ya!! Just remember...it never
stinks to be us and there is
too many other fish in the seall

Dave,
I miss the whispers in my ear tell-
ing me what's coming.

Kristen,
The Ady Brunch is on, wanna
watch? Just pulling your leg.
Wanna smoke another?

Grape Ape,
Wanna go swing from a porch?
Jungle Jane, Peggy Sue, Ginger,
& Roseanna Danna

Jen,
Who has the Rep? What about
Ace?

Quinny & Dan,
"Tracie" loves you. 10/10/89.

John (Ruxpins),
At least Cory doesn't need to beg.
Young One & Spider's Girl

Tracy R.
What's between the plant and
the rocking chair? Mom it was the
cat!

Ronnie,
Do you really like the way I say
your name?

Angie,
The story is long, hot, juicy and
interesting please make the time
to
hear it.

YMB,
Want some?
Love, KMF?

Hey Sexy,
Next pool game your letting us
win or else the dirty laundry pile
is staying that way.

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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

"Comix" Forum

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

Welcome to the second edition of Comix Forum, the column that discusses the latest releases from the major comic book companies, as well as discusses the best new investments.

The new monthly Batman title, *Legends of the Dark Knight*, was released this month from DC. Written by Denny O'Neil and pencilled by Ed Hannigan, the book has been published with four different covers. You may want to purchase all four, since one of them may become worth more due to rarity...For Long-shot fans who cannot afford to buy the limited series by Ann Nocenti and Art Adams, Marvel has reprinted it in trade paperback, available now...Rumor has it that Frank Miller has

completed the new *Elektra* graphic novel. It should be released by Christmas...This spring, John Byrne will be writer and artist on Marvel's new *Sub Mariner* series. This will also lead into a new *Invaders* series. I will have more news on this as it becomes available...The *Batman* movie, starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson, will be released on videocassette November 15th...Todd

McFarlane has left *The Amazing Spiderman* to do special projects for Marvel. Spidey's new penciller is Erik Larsen...*The Return of the Swamp Thing*, starring Heather Locklear, has been released on videocassette. It's campy, but worth checking out...*The XMen* Nintendo game is due to be released this month. A must have for XMen fans! That's all for now! So long until the next Comix Forum!



Strobe file photo

New Kids hangin' tough

By Ed McGill
Strobe Staff

As I entered the Worcester Centrum to witness what Rolling Stone Magazine has called, "the biggest phenomenon since the Beatles," I had no idea what I was in store for.

The band calls themselves The New Kids On The Block. They hail from Dorchester, Massachusetts, and in the past year they have become the hottest band in America. I went to the concert unwillingly, having been coerced by my 13 year old sister and her three teeny bopper friends. What I saw was mass pandemonium.

As the New Kids took the stage and broke into their first of only eight songs, their voices were immediately drowned out by the constant squealing of 15,000 young girls. With each movement on stage, the screams grew louder. They performed all their big hits. "Hanging Tough", "Please Don't Go Girl", and "The Right Stuff" received the most applause (screams).

After the concert, I quickly shuffled my sister and her friends out the back door of the Centrum. Coming to this concert had been my first mistake, going out the back door proved to be my second. For as we exited the arena, a limousine left the Centrum parking area, and a pack of 200 girls flocked to the car. As I watched in astonishment, my sinister little sister and her devil-like friends had disappeared.

I made my way towards the limo where I saw my "innocent" little sister on the trunk of the car ramming her head off the back window. The door to the limousine opened and out stepped a monster they call a bodyguard. My sister did a 360 degree turn and did a superman-esque leap into the crowd of 200 squealing little girls. I quickly snagged her up before she was trampled. But I soon discovered I had a much bigger problem; her friends were still missing.

I had assured their parents I was capable and responsible enough to watch out for their daughters. Little did they know, that at this moment, their sweet little daughters were running rampant on the streets of Worcester, trying to grab a piece (any piece) of the New Kids.

I soon noticed a huge tour bus about a half mile up the road. I followed my instincts, ran up to the bus, and saw my sister's friends scaling up the side of the bus in such a manner it would have made Spider-man proud!

Well, I finally managed to gather them up and head home. The nightmare was over. In the following weeks, there were many articles ridiculing the New Kids On The Block for their performance and the crowds reaction. But how can you ridicule either? The New Kids are producing music that is both danceable and popular with their fans. And the fans are just expressing their gratitude the only way they know how. After all, this is their generation we are talking about.

WXPL is an alternative station

by Stephen Gomes
Strobe staff

Fitchburg State College has roughly 3,800 students this year. If we were going to take a survey, how many students on campus do you think enjoy listening to music? Any type of music for that matter? WXPL is Fitchburg State College's radio station. Young adults roughly between the ages of 17 and 23 manage this station. WXPL plays rock'n'roll, rhythm & blues, dance, reggae, christian, thrash, hard core and of course, progressive. Not many professional stations out there could survive with such a variety of musical styles.

WXPL is primarily progressive. Progressive music is the music of the future. The music of bands struggling to make it to the top of the musical business world, such as U2 and REM did back in the early eight-

ies. Progressive is quality music that has not cracked the MTV generation, the billboard top 40, or the wallets of the presidents of the major labels throughout the music industry.

But why does WXPL play primarily progressive? Look at it this way: if WXPL played primarily dance music, how many people would listen to WXPL over KISS 108? If WXPL played primarily oldies, how many people would listen to WXPL over Classic Hits 100.7 or Oldies 103? If WXPL played primarily rock'n'roll, how many people would listen to WXPL over WBCN? The answer: not many.

The station puts out only 100 watts. That's a fifteen mile radius, which does not extend too far out of Fitchburg. The equipment WXPL uses is not exactly top of the line, but it gets the job done. After taking this into account, take a look at the budget cuts that the Massachusetts state colleges have undergone. These budget cuts are like a cancer; they

infect the entire body, including WXPL.

As well as being responsible for entertaining primarily the Fitchburg student population, WXPL provides news (Fitchburg Forum), school cancellations, public service announcements, free tickets to shows, records, hats, sweatshirts, teashirts, frisbees, mugs, beach towels, etc.

How's that for a student run organization?

After hearing all of this, don't you feel that you owe your fellow students and your college at least five minutes of your time to switch the FM dial to 91.3 and listen? Five minutes. If you don't like the music, change it, but give it another chance. Remember, the specialty shows cover every type of music available, and the schedule for these shows is located at the station, as well as in next semester's program guide (an Arts and Entertainment guide published by the Public Relations department at WXPL). Tune in to 91.3 on your FM dial.

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SPORTS

Volleyball team continues to improve

by Dave Walsh
Strobe staff

The Fitchburg State College Volleyball team spiked the University of Maine Farmington team back to Maine with a 15-7, 15-10 victory at the Parkinson Gymnasium.

The Lady Falcons blew open a close first game as sophomore Sherree Bouthiette reeled off four straight points to give the Lady Falcons an insurmountable lead. Senior Cindy Caton and sophomore Dawn Viera played a strong game with Caton contributing a couple of key spikes, and Viera coming up with some excellent blocks.

The second game featured Bouthiette's five straight service winners to give the team a 5-0 lead. The UMaine team developed a roll of their own with eight straight points,

and took a 3 point advantage. Viera helped FSC move back into a tie with three key serves.

The Lady Beavers came back strong and it appeared to be curtains for FSC. Their 11-8 lead failed to stand up though as freshman Tina Loiselle's serves propelled the Lady Falcons into an 11-11 tie.

Facing a 13-11 deficit, FSC stormed back behind the strength of Viera's serves and senior Cindy Vayo's two tremendous spikes. The Lady Falcons won the second game 15-13.

Game three featured Bouthiette serving four consecutive winners as FSC jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead. The Lady Beavers quickly retaliated though, evening the score at 4-4. The Lady Falcons then regained their form, and flew ahead 10-5. Vayo, whose formidable spikes had the crowd chanting "Hammer",

spiked a couple of more winners during that surge.

Sophomore Chris Sullivan served four consecutive winners near the end of the match and FSC completed a surprising shutout against a tough UMaine team. Head Coach Bob Murray, elated with the victory, said, "This is the best the girls have played all year. They played with confidence and cut down on their mistakes."

FSC traveled to Simmons College on October 21st to compete in the MAIAW Volleyball Tournament. The Lady Falcons defeated Regis College 2-0 in their first match. Then they dropped a 2-0 decision to Simmons and a 2-1 Decision to Worcester Polytechnical Institute. FSC finished third overall.

The Lady Falcons are now 9-15 this season. They traveled to Babson to play tri-match against Babson and Curry College on October 24th.



Lady Falcons spike their way to victory

Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

Sports wire

by Dave Marsh
Sports Information Director

Lord, a former North Middlesex High School standout, leads the Falcons with 248 yards rushing on 65 carries for a 38 per run average.

Falcon's Lord honored

A record shattering performance last Saturday earned Fitchburg State fullback Jim Lord the ECAC Division III Football Rookie-of-the-Week honor for the week ending October 21st.

The freshman from Townsend rambed 141 yards on just 18 carries in a losing effort against Curry College. The yardage total eclipsed the school's single game rushing record, previously held by senior Gary Fountain. Fountain ran for 129 yards against Lowell in the season opener. Ironically, Lord replaced Fountain at fullback when the Senior broke his leg late in the Lowell game.

Mitten drive going well

The Mitten Tree is growing strong. The care and share Mitten Tree, located in the Athletic Department, has already sprouted, but still has a lot of room to grow.

Many thanks to all the people who have made donations so far. A special thanks to Kay O'Connell who hand knitted many mittens, hats and scarves for the cause.

Care and share is asking your support for needy families in the Fitchburg area. Please bring new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to the Athletic Department in the Anthony Building. With each donation another mitten will be placed on the Mitten Tree.

Red Sox need help

by Ray Guarino
Strobe staff

With the Red Sox season now over, the problems they had are fairly obvious. In baseball you need either great pitching, power or speed. Unfortunately, the Red Sox do not possess any of these qualities.

The Red Sox starting rotation needs help. Roger Clemens doesn't want to throw fastballs anymore. He is a great competitor, which could be his downfall, because instead of telling someone his arm hurts, He just plays with the pain.

After Clemens, there is Mike Boddicker. Boddicker is good for 13-15 wins during the season. A majority of those coming in the latter half of the season. He is a good number three man in the rotation,

but since Bruce "Whatshisname" left, he has been asked to fill the Number two spot, which is asking too much.

The rest of the rotation is a question mark. Last year they used John Dopson, Eric Hetzel, Tom Bolton, Wes Gardner, and Mike Smithson. Get the picture? The Red Sox would like Hetzel and Dopson to take two of the remaining three spots in the rotation. Hetzel had good numbers in Pawtucket and should get a long look this spring. Dopson had difficulties making it past the sixth inning, but managed to get 12 wins. What the Red Sox need is a good Lefty that can get them 18-20 wins.

The bullpen is solid. Even if they trade Lee Smith, Rob Murphy can get the job done as the closer. Middle relief is also in good shape with Dennis Lamp, Greg Harris, and Joe

Price (if he is retained).

The Sox had a major power outage this year. Their first priority is to resign Nick Esasky. He was their only power source last year with 30 home runs. Elis Burks was hurt most of the year, although he may be headed to the National League sometime this winter. A nice winter thought; Joe Carter would look good in a Red Sox uniform.

Just like the sun rising in the east and setting in the west, the Red Sox have no team speed. Ellis Burks, their best base stealing threat, had the green light but wasn't attempting to steal enough. After Burks there is no one on this team that can go from first to third on a single.

Until they correct two of the three problems, the Red Sox will continue to break our hearts.



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